A Transit Plan for the Future

What’s in store for Austin’s Public Transit System
Overview

- Project background and overview
- Stakeholder role in Connections 2025
- Discussion of transit in Central Texas
## Capital Metro Facts

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<td>Operating Budget</td>
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<td>Farebox Revenue</td>
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Why do Connections 2025?

Changing Demographics

Population Growth

Declining Ridership

Growth and Development

Increasing Roadway Congestion

Increasing Focus on Sustainability

Improving the Customer Experience
Connections 2025 Goals

- Understand ways to *better serve* existing & potential customers
- Improve transit design and operation to *increase ridership*
- Develop a *core transit network*
- Build *advocacy and ownership* with the community
- Define *transit’s role* in regional mobility and economic development
Existing Conditions

*Market & Customers*

**Activity:** Examine demographics, land uses, and travel patterns

**Goal:** Understand the potential transit customer and identify key opportunities to meet demand
Existing Conditions

Transit Network & Design

Activity: Review current fixed-route and paratransit services - ridership, coverage, productivity and costs

Goal: Understand use and performance to identify opportunities for improvements including potential new services
Stakeholder &
Public Involvement

**Activity:** Involve stakeholders and members of the community throughout the project

**Goal:** Inform and solicit input on existing conditions and needs to develop service recommendations
Short & Long-Term Recommendations

Activity: Use market and service analysis to develop actionable & financially sustainable recommendations (implemented 1-5 and 5-10 years)

Goal: Utilize innovative and proven solutions to create a more effective and integrated system
Anticipated Timeline

Data Collection & Review
- October 2015 - November 2015

System & Service Evaluation
- November 2015 - February 2016

Five Year Service Plan
- January 2016 - April 2016

Long Range Plan
- March 2016 - June 2016

Final Transit Plan
- June 2016 - September 2016

Advisory Committee Meetings
- We are here

Public Involvement Events
Your Role

- Provide input to develop a group vision for transit
- Define transit’s role and priorities
- Spread the word and encourage others to get involved
- Attend four stakeholder meetings:

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Group Introductions

- What is your name?
- What organization / group are you representing?
- What is your interest in / relation to Capital Metro and the project?
Discussion Questions

What role does Capital Metro play in Central Texas, and how should this role evolve as the community changes?
Discussion Questions

1) What opportunities or challenges do you see facing transit in Central Texas over the next 10 years?

2) What factors do you think have led to the declining ridership?
Discussion Questions

Capital Metro operates various service types, including:

- MetroBus
- MetroRapid
- MetroExpress
- MetroFlyer
- MetroRail
- MetroAccess

1) Which services have been most successful and why?
2) Which are most important for Capital Metro to improve and expand?
3) Which is the more important focus - the individual routes or the network?
Discussion Questions

What are your expectations for Connections 2025? What would a successful plan look like to you?
Next Steps

- Three remaining Advisory Committee meetings to be held between March and August 2016
- Help us spread the word! Distribute information on Connections 2025 (website, survey, upcoming events) to your organizations and partners

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